**Land with Department of Posts**

4985. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA :
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts is owing a large chunk of real estate lands in prime localities of the urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the lands available with the Department of Posts in all the major cities of the country,

(c) whether his Ministry has any plans to utilise the above lands to earn additional revenue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) : (a) Sir, Department of Posts owns land in some urban areas for construction of departmental buildings.

(b) Details of lands available with the Department of Posts in all the major cities of the country are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 198, Annexure No. 21].

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Waiting list for telephone connections in Kerala**

4986. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala has the longest waiting list for new telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to reduce the waiting list to the minimum level?